# Council Proceedings.

*Council Chamber, March 6th, 1883.*

After a three weeks' recess the City Council met last night in the Council Chamber. When His Worship Mayor Meredith took the chair there were present:—Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Stringer, Skinner, Browne, Moore, Boyd, Becher.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read the following

COMMUNICATIONS:—

From G. Park, Secretary of the Forest City Rowing Club, asking for the free use of the City Hall on the evening of the 19th of March for the purpose of giving an athletic exhibition. Referred to the City Chamberlain, with instructions to reserve Hall on al Mondays.

From W. R. Meredith, City Solicitor, stating that a writ had been issued against the city by one John Mercer for $1,000 for injuries sustained by him on account of a defective highway. No. 2.

From Box Brown, applying for the use of the City Hall for the purpose of giving a lecture on mesmerism. Referred to City Chamberlain.

From Ellen Finnegan, asking for the remission of half her taxes. No. 1.

From John Cant, of Arkona, asking the views of the City Council in reference to the extension of the C. V. R. branch to the town of Sarnia. No. 1.

From A. Kelly, asking relief, he having had the misfortune to lose one of his legs No 3, with power.

From Ann Ross, asking to have the taxes on her property for the year 1878 remitted. No. 1.

From W. Erwood, asking the use of the City Hall for the holding of a dance on Easter Monday. City Chamberlain.

From J. B. Smyth, Secretary of the Western Fair Association, asking that the horse-ring on the Exhibition Grounds be placed under the control of the Association. No. 2, with power.

From C. B. Richardson, stating that he was preparing a map of the city, and asking for an order for the same. No. 2.

From the managers of the Protestant Orphans' Home, asking the Council to take prompt action for the removal of the adult inmates from that institution. The petitioners strongly urged the matter on the Board, as such a step was absolutely necessary, the presence of the old people being very injurious to the young folks. No. 3.

From John Ashworth, claiming $12 damages sustained by water running into his cellar. No. 2.

From Thos. Muir, in reference to a water supply for the steel works.

Moved by Ald. Hyman, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the petition be referred to the Water Commissioners, and that they be instructed not to cut off the water supply without instructions from the Council. Carried.

NUMBER ONE.

Ald. Hyman, Chairman, reported as follows:—(1) Your committee recommend the payment of accounts amounting to $2,-204.11; (2) that the petition of Agnes Portwood for remission of taxes be granted, by remitting half her taxes for 1882; (3) that the petition of Isabella Thompson for remission of taxes be granted; (4) that the petition of Mr. S. Graham, agent of the Singer Manufacturing Company, for reduction in assessment be fyled; (5) that the petition of John J. Gould for remission of income tax be fyled; (6) that the petition of James Taylor, Collector, to have bondsman released be deferred; (7) your committee beg to report progress in the petition of Mrs Mackay for remission of arrears of taxes; (8) your committee beg to submit February report of the Police Court Clerk; (9) your committee beg to submit the by-law in accordance with the Free Libraries Act of 1882; (10) that the by-law closing Mill street, west of Talbot, be abandoned on account of the opposition of property-owners; (11) that the salaries for the year 1883 be as follows:—A. S. Abbott, City Clerk, $1,100; J. M. Keary, Assistant Clerk, $400; John Pope, Treasurer, $1,500; T. H. Tracy, City Engineer, $1,600; R. Wigmore, Police Clerk, $650; L. W. Owens, Street Commissioner, $750; H.